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**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**  
**St Mark**  
Fridays 11:40-12:10

**Holy Family**  
Tuesday – 09:20 - 09:50

**PRAYER GROUPS:**  
**St Mark**  
1st and 3rd & 5th Monday  
6:00pm: Adoration  
7:00pm – Praise, worship,  
scripture, reflection in Hall

**CONFESSIONS:**  
**St Mark Saturdays: 17:00**  
and by appointment



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**Offerings:**  
Please consider setting up a  
standing order in favour of the  
parish instead of a weekly cash  
offering. If you can Gift Aid  
your donation, please complete  
a form which you can find in  
the church porch.

**Bank:** Barclays  
**Account Name:**  
St Mary Magdalen  
Roman Catholic Parish  
**Account number:** 70777323  
**Sort code:** 20-44-51

Catholic chaplain to the Ipswich hospitals: Awaiting new appointment. Please contact either Fr Paul, Fr Luke or one of the other Ipswich priests if you or a family member are going in to hospital.

## News for St Mark Catholic Parish

Responsorial Psalm – <b>Keep my soul before you, O Lord</b> 31st WEEK OF THE YEAR – Year A	
MASS & PRAYER TIMES:	
<b>SAT 4th</b>	<b>17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass</b> <b>31st Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Offered For: The People of the Parish                      (St. Charles Borromeo)
<b>SUN 5th</b>	<b>09:00 Holy Family</b> <b>31st Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Offered For: Liz & Leo O'Connor RIP <b>11:00 St Mark's</b> Offered For: Stella McCall RIP
<b>TUES 7th</b>	<b>7:00 at St Mark's</b> <b>Feria</b> Offered for: Holy Souls
<b>WED 8th</b>	<b>7:00 am St. Mark's</b> <b>Feria</b> Offered for: Holy Souls
<b>THURS 9th</b>	<b>7:00 am St. Mark's</b> <b>Feria</b> Offered for: Holy Souls
<b>FRI 10th</b>	<b>7:00 am St. Mark's</b> <b>Feria</b> Offered for: Holy Souls
<b>SAT 11th</b>	<b>17:30 St Mark's Vigil Mass</b> <b>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Offered For: The People of the Parish
<b>SUN 12th</b>	<b>09:00 Holy Family</b> <b>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Offered For: Anne Kelly RIP <b>11:00 St Mark's</b> Offered For: John West RIP

**Christmas Draw**  
Tickets on sale this weekend

**Secomd Collection**  
this weekend for the  
**Caritas: The St**  
**Edmund Fund** which  
helps the poor and  
needy of the  
diocese.

Sunday Homilies  
can be listened to  
again at:  
<https://anchor.fm/fr-luke-goymour> And  
on all major Podcast  
platforms just search:  
*Fr Luke's Homilies*

**Fr Luke is on Jury Service from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October for an indefinite period.** This will cause disruption to weekday Masses and his pastoral availability. He will celebrate early Masses on most days at 7 am (see above)

**Holy Souls:** Masses for the holy souls are offered through November. Please add the names of those you want remembered at Mass in the book of life at the front of Church.

**Gift Aid** - We intend to make a claim in November for the period of April 2022-2023 and would like to remind you that it is essential that you are still paying UK income or Capital Gains Tax in an amount equal to the claim. Unless we are informed to the contrary, we will be claiming tax on your behalf. If anyone would like to boost their donations at no extra cost the gift aid forms are available on the table at the back of the church. Kindly email me with any changes since you last completed the form at [sharoncullum247@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sharoncullum247@yahoo.co.uk)

**Confirmation Class** Confirmation class began on 4<sup>th</sup> November from 10-4pm at St Mark's forms available at the back of Church, **First Holy Communion Registration Open:** Please fill out a form (back of church on both tables) and return to Fr Luke. Registration closes on 8<sup>th</sup> November. **Please note that there is a course for parents this year.**

**Want to become a Catholic?** Then consider joining our RCIA programme, please fill out a form and return to Fr Luke (The Alpha course will form part of this year's RCIA course)

**Social & Fundraising** - This year our main fundraiser, the Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 2nd December. We, the Parish Fundraising Group really would appreciate your help, if you could volunteer for a couple of hours on Friday morning to help bring down heavy boxes from upstairs and set the tables up. And/or on Saturday morning to help run co-run one of the stalls. There is a list on the church notice board near the doors, of stall helpers still required, please pop your name and phone number on it. Raffle tickets on sale from this weekend.

Thank you for your support.

**FIND, thanks us for our generosity** - and is asking especially for soup, tinned potatoes, pasta and pasta sauce, rice, tinned fruit and shampoo

**RISE UP! A Day of Renewal in the Holy Spirit** – organised by the Charismatic Renewal in East Anglia, is taking place here at St Mark's on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November. It starts at 10.00am with Mass, ending at 4.30pm. The day will include teaching, prayer, Adoration and praise and worship. Tea and coffee provided, please bring a packed lunch. Contact Clare Fox: 07906523496 for more information

**Ipswich in Prayer Breakfast** – 18<sup>th</sup> November 7.30 to 9am at the Salvation Army Citadel, 588 Woodbridge Road Ipswich IP4 4PH. Please let them know if you will be attending and if you have any special dietary requirements. [Paulbutcher333@gmail.com](mailto:Paulbutcher333@gmail.com) or 07734665314 or WhatsApp.

**St. Albans** – are seeking to recruit a School Chaplain. For further details visit the school website <https://www.st-albans.suffolk.sch.uk/vacancies>

**Alpha Course: What's life about? Curious about your Faith? Starts Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Info at back of Church, Register now (closes on 8<sup>th</sup> Nov) Friendly, informal discussion, over a free hot meal!**

**Living Stones Prayer Group:** meets on Monday 6th November at St Mark's. Come and join us for an hour in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament 6.00 - 7.00pm, followed by the prayer meeting 7.00 - 8.00pm in the church hall.

## News for St Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

*Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023: Sunday Readings: Liturgical Year A  
Services during the coming week – Thirty-first Week of the Year, Year I*

Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 pm	Confessions
November	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass of 31st Sunday, offered for Fiorenzina Paoletti. Reader: R Cork, Offertory: Hennon Family
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Holy Mass, offered for the Vieira Family. Reader: C Moore, Eucharistic Minister: C Moore
November	10:00 am	Holy Mass, offered for the people of the parish. Reader: A James, Offertory: M Geisel/M Mayhew, Eucharistic Minister: M Geisel
<i>Please join us for tea and coffee in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass, prepared &amp; served by Rosemary &amp; Val</i>		
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	
November	<b>No Mass Today</b>	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	
November	10:00 am	Holy Mass, offered for Sheila Tunney
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	
November	12 noon	Holy Mass, offered for the repose of the soul of Leslie Payne RIP
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	
November	10:00 am	Holy Mass, offered for the Repose of the Soul of Annick Smith (Foundation Mass)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	St Leo the great	
November	10:00 am	Holy Mass, offered for the repose of the soul of Frank Janes Junior (Foundation Mass) followed by Exposition and a Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 pm	Confessions
November	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass of 32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, offered for Kathleen Bakowski.

**Today's Gospel:** Today's Gospel continues to elaborate on the tension between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees. Having concluded a series of dialogues with the Pharisees and other religious leaders, Jesus now directs his words to the crowds, warning them not to follow the example of the scribes and Pharisees. The scribes and Pharisees were teachers of the Mosaic Law. They were entrusted with its interpretation and, thus, were influential in determining Jewish practice. To appreciate the conflict that is evident in this passage, we must understand that Jesus was basing his teachings on the same laws and traditions available to the Pharisees. Both were interpreting the Law of Moses to better adapt it to contemporary Jewish life. The differences between their teachings, therefore, are often highlighted and amplified by Matthew. This part of Matthew's Gospel reflects aspects of the conflict between his Christian community and Pharisaic Judaism. Matthew's Church is thought to have included many Jewish Christians who may not have believed that a break with the synagogue was necessary to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus tells the crowd that it is correct to do and observe what the scribes and Pharisees teach; it is their example that is to be avoided, namely, their love of being honoured and exalted. Hence, the Gospel reflects the tension of an active internal debate within the early Church... The warning Jesus gives against seeking places of honour in the community was directed as much toward the Christian community as the named Jewish leaders. Indeed, it is a warning that resonates with us today. Christian leadership is a call to service for the glory of God; those who would be leaders among us must, like Jesus, be servants of all. *Courtesy Loyola Press.*

**Registration forms for the 2024 First Holy Communion program** are available at the back of church and on the parish web site – the QR code will take you directly there. Please note that parents of First Holy Communion candidates are required to themselves attend the Alpha course which commences 15<sup>th</sup> November - see further details below. **Completed forms should be returned to Fr Luke or Fr Paul no later than 8<sup>th</sup> November.**



**Confirmation 2024:** The course has started! Registration forms can be found in the church porch or can be downloaded from the parish web site – the QR code will take you straight to the form.



**The Alpha Course:** Alpha is an 11 week course providing an opportunity to explore the Christian faith, in a friendly, open and informal environment. Alpha is proven to awaken faith in lapsed Catholics, gives faithful Catholics a path and a language to fulfil their baptismal call to evangelise and is a proven method of introducing people to a living relationship with Jesus Christ. **This year, attending the Alpha course is compulsory for parents of the 2024 Holy Communion children and for those preparing to be received into the Church at Easter, but it is open to all parishioners.** The 90 minute weekly sessions start 15<sup>th</sup> November and will be held on Wednesdays at 12:30



at St Mary Magdalens and include a light lunch and at St Marks they will start at 7:30 pm and include a cooked meal. Registration forms are available at the back of church and on the parish web site - the QR code takes you straight to the form. **Closing date for registration is 8<sup>th</sup> November.**

**Parish 150 Club:** The October prize draw of the parish 150 Club was made last Sunday in the Garden Room after the 10:00 Mass. Congratulations to the prize winners:

£25	No 273	Mrs G Allan	£20	No 261	Mr & Mrs H Shovlin
£15	No 151	Mr K Joy	£10	No 169	Mr & Mrs M Pakes



There is plenty of room for new subscribers – why not sign up today? Application forms are available in the church porch or, even quicker, you can sign up on-line on the parish web site – just scan the QR code.

**Hall Working Party:** A further working party is needed to help clean the inside of the church hall. This will take place next Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> November, starting at 9:00 am. We will also be replacing the high level lights in the hall as the last element of the lighting upgrade. Help is needed to set up and take down the tower scaffold to enable the high level working. Refreshments will be provided.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Each of our Eucharistic Ministers should have received a copy of the new rota by email this week. A further copy is pinned on the notice board in the church porch and is also available on the parish web site. If any minister is unavailable to cover the designated duty, please arrange for your own cover with one of the other ministers on the list.



**Catholic East Anglia:** The November edition of *Catholic East Anglia*, the free Diocesan newspaper, is out now – the paper copies in the church porch have run out but this issue can be read on-line on the parish web site – simply scan the QR code to the right and you will be taken straight to it. This edition includes a report on Bishop Peter's meeting with Pope Francis in Rome in September and both pictures and story as pupils from all 28 Catholic schools across East Anglia came together for a special Mass in Norwich. Also included is a report on the Penafrancia pilgrimage on the Norfolk Broads, the new-look Ignite Youth Team and a preview of the Synod of Bishops currently taking place at the Vatican.



**Book of Remembrance:** In the Catholic Church the month of November begins with the Solemnity of All Saints' on November 1<sup>st</sup>, followed by the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed – All Souls' Day' on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Together these days mark the start of a month of remembrance, often referred to as the month of the dead, during which we remember and pray especially for our loved ones who have gone before us and whose loss we feel. On the table at the back of the church there is a Book of Remembrance and you are all invited to write in this the names of those family members and friends who have died, who will then be remembered especially during Masses throughout the month.

**Free to a Good Home:** If anybody has use for some 1500mm (5 ft) fluorescent light fittings complete with tube and diffuser, there are some available free of charge. These are rather dusty, but otherwise in good working order and would suit perhaps a garage or a shed. These are offered on a first come - first served basis without warranty. If you are interested, please email [contact@marymagdalens.org](mailto:contact@marymagdalens.org) and collection can be arranged.

**Wreath Making Workshop:** On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November a Christmas Wreath workshop will take place in the Garden Room between 7 and 9 pm. The cost will be £15 with all equipment provided, but if you have any special decorations you would like to incorporate, then do bring them along. For further information, and to book your place, please contact Janet Irving on 07837 152179.

**Christmas Sing-along:** On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, a Christmas Sing-a-Long concert will be held in the parish hall starting at 7:00 pm. You are all invited to come along and bring with you any (portable) musical instruments you might play and your best Christmas voice to join in. Music will be provided by the Martlesham Ukulele Players. Tickets, costing £5 which includes a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie, will be available after weekend Masses.

**The Sick of the Parish:** We ask your prayers for Patrick Doran, Ida James and all our brothers and sisters who are unwell, afflicted, housebound or distressed.

*Lord, comfort and relieve them according to their needs, and grant them the love and consolation of your Spirit.  
Amen.*

**Our Own Dear Departed:** Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Walenty Bialobrzycki (1959), Minnie Spooner (1969), Margaret Woods (1993), Mary Dwyer (1996), Cyril Youngman (1998), Ellen McCarthy (2011), Michelina di Franco (2015), Annick Smith (2021), Michael Farrelly (1976), Lillian Shevlin (1985), Catherine English (2007), Irene O'Halloran (2015) and Henrietta Haywood-Farmer (1975) whose anniversaries occur about this time.

*May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*